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**Amendments to the Abstract:**

Please replace the Abstract on page 14 with the following rewritten Abstract:

~~BEVERAGE DISPENSER AND ALARM DEVICE FOR~~  
~~BEVERAGE DISPENSER~~

~~ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE~~

A beverage dispenser (10) is provided, for ejecting a beverage into a receptacle, including a housing including a taking-in/out space, nozzles (27, 28) provided in the beverage dispenser for ejecting the beverage, obstacle detection module means (50) for detecting an obstacle around the nozzle, and alarm generator means (60) for issuing an alarm when the detection module means detects the obstacle, and a nozzle cover for covering the plurality of nozzles and the obstacle detection module to partially close the taking-in/out space. The alarm may not be issued from the alarm means when the beverage is ejected or a switch (56) may be provided for causing the alarm generator means inoperative. Thereby, those around the dispenser are informed of the fact that ~~the an operator or a man of evil intention~~ has had unauthorized access to the nozzle in the beverage dispenser.